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<b>APPARATUS AND METHOD</b>	)
<b>FOR MIXING FLUIDS FOR</b>	)
<b>ANALYSIS</b>	)
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Application Serial No. 09/198,004	)
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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Sirs:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the references set forth below and listed on the attached form PTO-1449 are being brought to the attention of the Examiner for consideration in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. Copies of newly cited references set forth and cited on form PTO-1449 are enclosed herewith. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.98(d), copies of references previously submitted in Application Serial

No. 09/198,004, but not yet considered by the Examiner, have not been enclosed. However, Applicant would be pleased to provide additional copies of any references at the Examiner's request.

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It is respectfully requested the Examiner indicate consideration of the cited references by returning a copy of the attached form PTO-1449 with initials or other appropriate marks.

No fee in addition to that submitted herewith is believed to be required.

However, if any additional fees are required, or otherwise if necessary to cover any deficiency in fees already paid, authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 11-0231.

Respectfully submitted,

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